

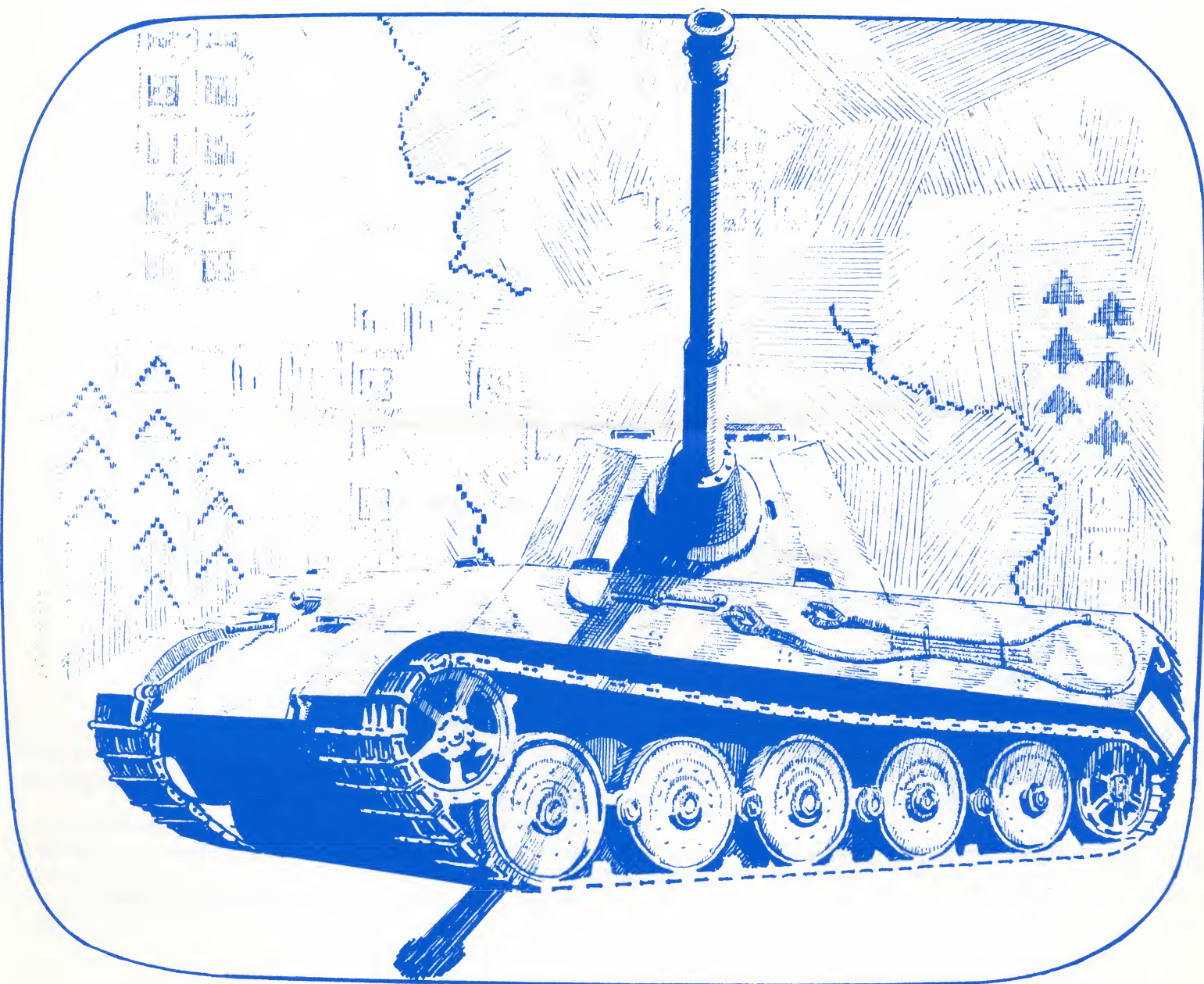
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**MICHIGAN ATARI
BBSsystems
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Many of our members have been asking for an updated Michigan BBS list. The following is a listing of BBSsystems that have been accessed and verified to be working in the past 60 days. Please provide any additions or corrections to me for future listings.

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Info: 24 hour, 300/1200 Baud

Name: ATARI WORKSHOP; East Side
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Info: 300 Baud, Password ONLY

Name: The BIG BANG; Franklin
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Info: 9PM-9AM, 300 Baud

Name: BUNKY'S BOARD; Berkley
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Lake
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Info: 24 hour, 300 Baud

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Info: 24 hour, 300 Baud

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Info: 24 hour, 300 Baud

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COMING ATTRACTIONS September 18th. Meeting

Here's the tentative schedule of topics for the September meeting. Please note that this meeting IS on the third Tuesday of the month.

- Business meeting
- Adventure Creator demo
- 'TARICON Wrap-up report
- Election of officers for 1984-1985

Tom Sturza
Program Coordinator

Presidential Ramblings

More rumors about the New ATARI:

Will the ATARI CORPORATION become another Commodore? There's not too much more that can be done with the good ol' 6502, and I'm sure that with Mr. Tramiel's track record of non-compatibility when he headed that other company, the next generation will probably not run big-brother Atari XL software. Also overheard: the new 65318 (or whatever its number is?) chip, which is compatible with the 6502, will be the mainstay in Sunnyvale? This stuff get weirder as time goes on!

"What is MACE?" A question that has been asked a lot lately. If I can rephrase the question, "what has MACE become?" Beyond all the positive stuff like gigantic membership, greatest library of public domain software, etc., one aspect of MACE has recently emerged. We've become spoiled complainers. We all come to the meeting, buy our disk/tape of the month, and then sit on our hands and listen to the presentations. Part of the "blame" rests squarely on our (soon to be outgoing) Program Coordinator, Tom Sturza. We've all become accustomed to the tremendous job Tom has done each month in lining up presentations that are informative, interesting, and downright entertaining. But what feedback do we get? "Waaaaa! I don't like games," or "Waaaaa! You don't do enough games," or "this month's Journal stinks..." On and on it goes. MACE can't survive if all everyone does is just take and not give to the organization. What should we do about it? We quit crying, quit sitting on our hands and offer to help. How? Try changing "I don't like this or that," to "why don't we try this out." If that isn't your speed, then run for office in September. Speaking of...

Elections will be held at our September meeting. There will be no primaries or caucuses, and Louis Harris isn't polling at this election! But seriously, MACE needs a full compliment of active, interested enthusiasts to serve the club as officers. If you think you've got the right stuff, let either myself, past-President Marshall Dubin, or

past-President Arlan Levitan know you are interested, and your name will be put before our nominations committee. Even if your name doesn't come to the committee, you can still be nominated by anyone (including yourself) from the floor of the meeting.

Well, its almost here! After two years of sweat, toil, worries about who will come, etc. TARICON is about to become a reality. But we still can't do it without YOU. There are still some positions which require some responsible volunteers. Make sure you find Ann Ezzell during tonights meeting and volunteer your services. At the very least, you get in free, and you can gain by working along side people like Bill Wilkinson, and maybe even a Tramiel or two...

See you next month at the September elections meeting! And see you at TARICON '84!



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Another MACE Group Purchase

Here we go again! Last March we brought you a fantastic deal on the AMDEK disk drives. Now we have an even better buy! Percom Data Corp. appears to be getting out of the ATARI line. To unload their inventory they are offering a user group deal. They have a limited number of AT88S1PD drives with printer ports available. They normally retail for \$429.95, but are making them available for only \$300. This includes DOS XL and a centronics compatible parallel printer cable. Also they offer the AT88S1 without the printer port for only \$200., a \$409 retail value.

The S1PD saves you the trouble of getting a hard to find 850 interface unit. Where else can you get a diskdrive and interface for only \$300? This drive can also be software selected to run single or double densities. Plus, if MACE orders 20 or more units, Percom will give us a drive free for the club. Now here's the catch...

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Color Print

by Marion Delahan

[Ed. Note -- reprinted from Keeping PACE, the Pittsburgh Atari Computer Enthusiasts magazine, with deep thanks!]

Whenever we go on vacation, my husband and I make a habit of checking out some of the local computer stores. In Denver recently we visited a small store and discovered a program by DATASOFT called Color Print. By now, you have probably grown bored with seeing your printer turn your lovely, colorful creations into uniformly black and white pictures. Help is available. You could buy a color printer, but for most of us that is not a realistic solution. I have only seen the program mentioned once in the major magazines. You might want to look at "The Blossoming of Computer Art" in the January issue of ANTIC magazine.

The program comes with a short, informative and relatively easy to read manual, a program diskette and about 20 sheets of carbon paper in various colors. The program works directly with Micropainter format pictures and an Epson printer, although other printers can be used. If you are converting pictures from another graphics package, you must be sure that the color bytes are saved. The June issue of Creative Computing has a listing of conversion programs for Koala and Atari Touch Tablet pictures that will save the colors. To use the program, you must first make a "carbon sandwich." Using two sheets of pin feed paper, place a carbon between them and fold the two sheets to enclose the carbon. Load the program and thread the printer with the "sandwich." The program asks several questions about size, direction, etc. The feature that makes Color Print unique, though, is that on the first pass through the printer only one color register can be printed. Then remove the carbon, put the next color in, rethread the printer and the next color will be printed. Although it is kind of tricky lining up the paper for successive passes through the printer, it is possible to achieve a fair amount of accuracy in "registering" the picture.

It is possible by repeating this procedure on

two versions of one picture to produce a print with more than 4 colors. For instance, if a large blank circle were saved in the middle of a picture, the circle could be filled in with a design and recalled at a later time with a design inscribed in it. By registering the second image with the first, a second picture could be created in another color, much like double-exposing a photograph.

There are other interesting features of the Color Print program. It allows printing in black and white without carbons, has several sizes available, and will print a picture in an "emphasized" mode, which greatly increases the clarity of the image, in either color or black and white. A "window" can also be created and printed. This allows a portion of a picture to be expanded and printed.

The program, as it is removed from the package, will work with the Epson printer with Graftrax. It is easily reconfigured for the NEC 8023 and can therefore also be used with the Prowriter 8510. Datasoft claims that extra carbons are available through them, but since the program is about a year and a half old and I have never seen it vigorously promoted, they may no longer support it. I have written to the company to find out in the mean time, and am trying to develop an alternate source of supply. If you have an interest in this program, you may have to dig some to find it, but I can recommend it. The list price is about \$34 and you should be able to get it for less. So long for now and may all your graphics be colorful.

FUTURE MEETING DATES - 1984

All of the remaining M.A.C.E. meetings in 1984 will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. Meeting dates for September thru December are:

September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18

Please mark your calendars so you'll be sure not to miss meeting night.

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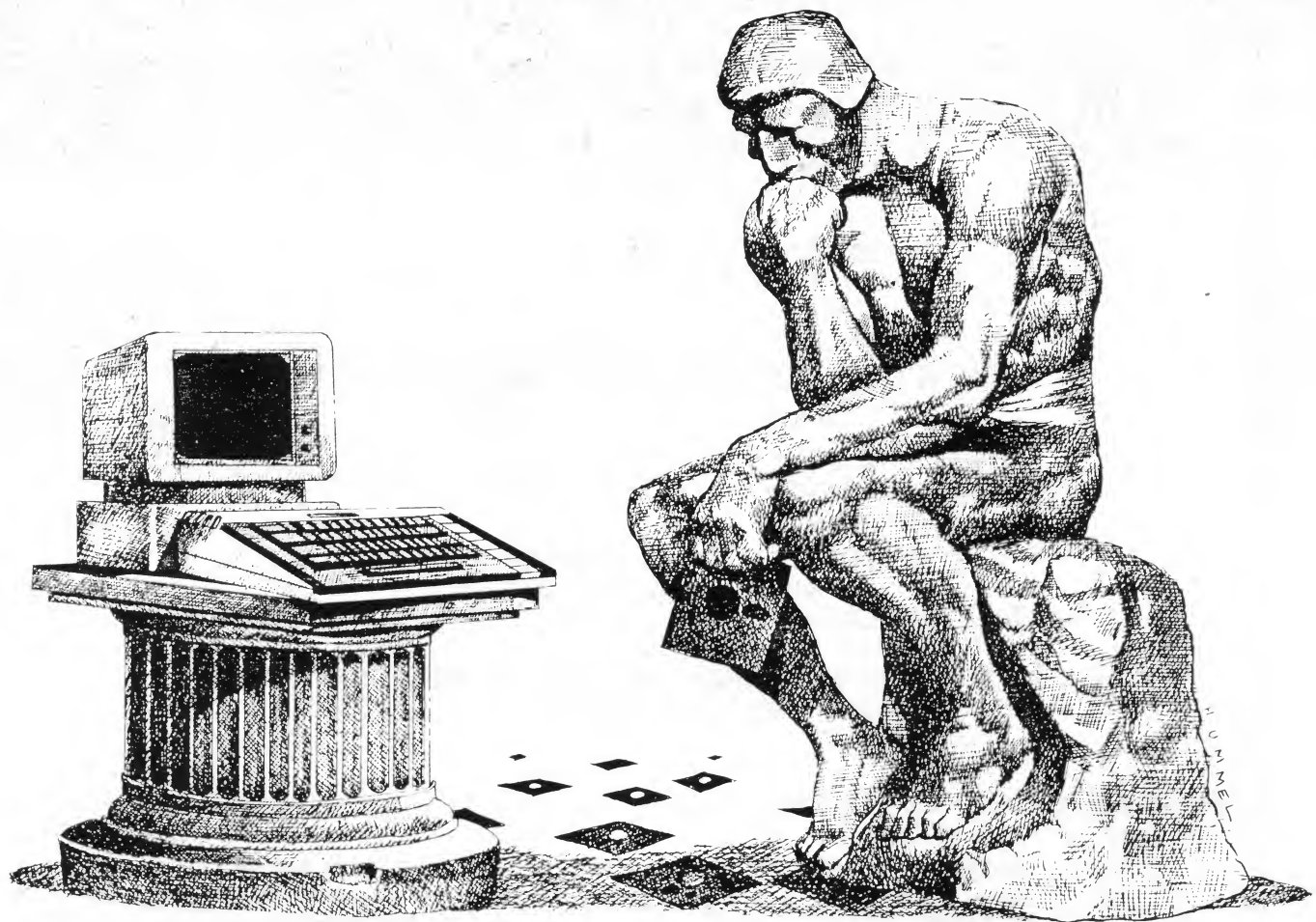
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